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# NSA At Oberlin Stunned

OBERLIN — Disclosures that the CIA had funded the National Student Association (NSA) stunned campus leaders of that organization at Oberlin College.

"We were aghast," said Alan Wachtel, 20, chairman of the NSA at Oberlin, Ohio's sole college affiliate with the student organization.

"We're still having trouble grasping the implications of such a link-up. We hope there isn't any more to it than has already come out — because what has come out is bad enough."

WACHTEL, A JUNIOR from Great Neck, L. I., N. Y., said the first question that came to his mind when he heard of the

CIA-NSA relationship was:

"Who's really picking the people who go all over the place — the students who go abroad for conferences or for a year of study? That's what I wanted to know."

Wachtel said there was no way of really knowing because of the nature of the NSA.

"There's a great deal of autonomy in the NSA," Wachtel noted. "Each campus group looks after its own problems. This autonomy also exists on the national coordinating level."

FROM HIS point of view, the main function of the national body was to keep all campuses informed of what directions other student bodies were headed.

"At our yearly national con-

ferences, we elected officers, but mainly we learned what was happening at colleges all over the nation," Wachtel said.

"No matter what the national level really was, on the campus the NSA tended to be slightly left of center in its pulse and directions."

At Oberlin for instance, the NSA chapter has sponsored conferences on Black Power and southern justice, held a Red China teach-in, and organized protests on the war in Vietnam and against appearance of Navy recruiters on campus.

THIS WEEKEND, Oberlin's NSA chapter is holding a drug conference featuring Drs. Richard Alpert and Ralph Metzner — two of the big three, including

Dr. Timothy Leary, behind the national LSD movement.

"Ideally, the NSA national level reflects the attitudes of 1.3 million students on some 300 campuses," Wachtel said. "We're waiting to hear if our national governing committee says it has been more than that."

Wachtel said he put no stock in published surmises that the CIA has infiltrated the NSA, or that CIA agents have traveled abroad under NSA credentials.

"Funding us and using the NSA to gather information abroad is one thing," Wachtel said. "CIA infiltration is something else again. I hope we haven't been used. It might tear the NSA apart."